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### **Math and Science Instruction Expert To Address Teaching Commission At Los Angeles County Meeting**

DOWNEY – Math and science expert Dr. Jim Stigler will present findings from the Third International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) Video Studies and discuss implications for improving teaching at the Commission on Teacher Credentialing meeting April 23-24, 2009 at the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

Dr. Stigler is Director of the TIMSS video studies and a pioneer in the use of multimedia technology for the study and improvement of classroom instruction. He is also a Professor of Psychology at UCLA and founder of LessonLab (now a division of Pearson Education).

Dr. Stigler's presentation will begin at 11:00 on April 23.

Two additional items continuing the Commission's dialogue on the teaching of mathematics are also on the agenda:

- Determining the Subject Matter Competence of Teachers of Mathematics
- Update on the Work of the Teaching Mathematics Advisory Panel

Los Angeles county Superintendent of Schools, Darlene P. Robles, will welcome the Commission and launch an exciting meeting featuring guest speakers and Commission staff presentations on a variety of teacher preparation subjects.

New data from the Commission's annual *Teacher Supply in California* report documenting the increase in the number of fully credentialed teachers from 95.8 percent in 2006-07 to 96.4 percent of all California public school teachers in 2007-08, will also be discussed. The *Report* also contains information on the 3.5 percent decrease in the number of newly credentialed California prepared teachers and a 10 percent increase in the number of out-of-state prepared teachers.

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On Friday, April 24, Dr. Charles Hanson and former Commissioner Loretta Whitson will discuss “The Role of School Counselors in California’s Education System.”

Dr. Hanson is Professor of Counseling in the Department of Educational Psychology and Counseling at California State University, Northridge (CSUN). He is Coordinator of the School Counseling Masters degree program and the joint program in School Counseling and Marriage and Family Therapy.

Ms. Whitson is the Director of Student Support Services in Monrovia Unified School District, Executive Director for the California Association of School Counselors (CASC) and a graduate faculty member and lecturer, in the Educational Psychology and Counseling Program, California State University Northridge.

Interested parties may access the full Commission meeting agenda at: [www.ctc.ca.gov](http://www.ctc.ca.gov).

A live web video stream of the meeting will be available at [www.ctc.ca.gov/live.html](http://www.ctc.ca.gov/live.html) for those who are unable to attend in person.

Audio transcripts of the Commission meeting, by item, will be available on the Commission’s web page ([www.ctc.ca.gov](http://www.ctc.ca.gov)) approximately one week after the meeting. (Just click on “Agendas and Minutes” in the left-hand column of the web page.)

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